BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Rulemaking on the Commission's Own Motion into Monitoring Performance of Operations Support Systems.

Rulemaking 97-10-016

Order Instituting Investigation on the Commission's Own Motion into Monitoring Performance of Operations Support Systems.

Investigation 97-10-017

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES' RULING GRANTING AN EXTENSION OF TIME FOR COMMENTS ON PERFORMANCE INCENTIVES DRAFT DECISION

By motion on November 30, 2001, Verizon California Inc. (Verizon) requested an extension of the time for comments on the Performance Incentives' draft decision (DD) issued on November 21, 2001 in the above-entitled proceeding. Noting the complexity of the DD, the length of time the involved issues have been litigated, and the DD's date of issuance, Verizon urged a 45-day extension in which to file opening comments.

Parties filed responses on December 4, 2001¹. Pacific Bell (Pacific) opposes a 45-day extension. The Office of Ratepayer Advocates and the California Telecommunications Coalition (Coalition) ² support an extension because it will

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 $^{^{\}scriptscriptstyle 1}$ In accordance with a December 3, 2001 Administrative Law Judge's Ruling shortening the time for response.

² For purposes of its response, the Coalition includes AT&T Communications of California, Inc., New Edge Network, Inc. dba New Edge Networks, Pac-West Telecomm, Inc., WorldCom, Inc. and XO California, Inc.

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enable all the parties to provide "meaningful comments on the reach, effect, and

consequences of the new [incentives] plan."

The Commission is most interested in receiving "meaningful comments" on

the "reach, effect, and consequences" of the plan set forth in the DD. To that end,

I would also like to have Pacific and Verizon provide the specified data set forth

below.

Accordingly, IT IS RULED that:

1. Verizon's motion for an extension of time to file comments shall be granted

in part and denied in part.

2. Opening comments on the Performance Incentives DD shall now be due

on December 28, 2001.

3. Reply comments on the Performance Incentives DD shall now be due on

January 4, 2002.

4. To provide outcome information for the DD performance incentive plan,

Pacific and Verizon shall calculate the payments that would have been generated

from the plan given their respective historical data at least for the year 2000, and

the simulated data, as presented in their May 2001 filing. These payment amount

calculations shall be filed in the same form as the earlier calculations, no later

than December 28, 2001.

Dated December 10, 2001, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ JACQUELINE A. REED

Jacqueline A. Reed

Administrative Law Judge

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Granting an Extension of Time for Comments on Performance Incentives Draft Decision on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated December 10, 2001, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ ERLINDA PULMANO
Erlinda A. Pulmano

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